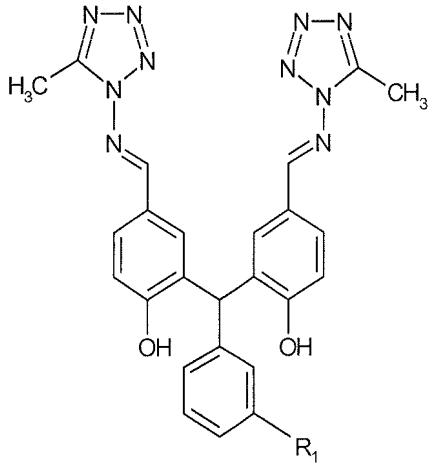
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 68, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claims 1-35 (cancelled)

Claim 36 (previously presented): A compound having the formula:



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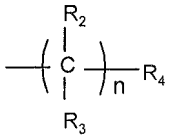
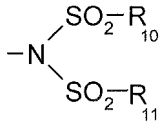
wherein:

R_1 represents a radical selected from the group consisting of



, $-NR_5R_6$, $-SO_2NR_7R_8$, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkoxy, polyhydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxy, polyfluoroalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, R_9, $-OR_9$,



; n being an integer from 1 to 4;

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R_2 and R_3 are each independently selected from the group consisting of straight or branched chain alkyl and hydrogen;

R_4 is a radical selected from the group consisting of a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl radical, an unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclic radical, and $-NR_{12}R_{13}$;

R_5 and R_7 are independently selected from the group consisting of alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, R_9, $-(C=O)R_{14}$ and $-(C=O)R_9$;

R_6, R_8, R_{12}, and R_{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, polyfluoroalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, R_9, $-(C=O)R_{15}$ and $-(C=O)R_9$;

or R_5 and R_6 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic radical, said heterocyclic radical optionally containing one to two additional heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

or R_7 and R_8 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic radical, said heterocyclic radical optionally containing one to two additional heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

said phenyl and heterocyclic radical substituents being at least one selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, hydroxy, carbonyl, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, halogen, and alkoxy;

R_9 is a radical of the formula $-W-O(C=O)-CH_3$, W being a straight- or branched- chain alkylene group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

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R_{10} and R_{11} are radicals independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, and polyfluoroalkyl;

R_{14} is a hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or cycloalkyl group;

R_{15} is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or cycloalkyl group, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compound.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 36, selected from the group consisting of:

2,2'-[[3-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-(4-Morpholinyl)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-(4-Morpholinylsulfonyl)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-(Methoxyethoxy)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[[3-Bis(phenylmethyl)amino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[1-(4-Methylpiperazinyl)methyl]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-(Diethylaminomethyl)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

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2,2'-[[3-(Dimethylaminomethyl)phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[4-(Morpholinyl)methyl]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[2-(1,1-Dioxide-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro)isothiazolyl]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[1-(4-Hydroxypiperidinyl)]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-N-methylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(4-Acetoxybutyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N-methylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-N-methylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

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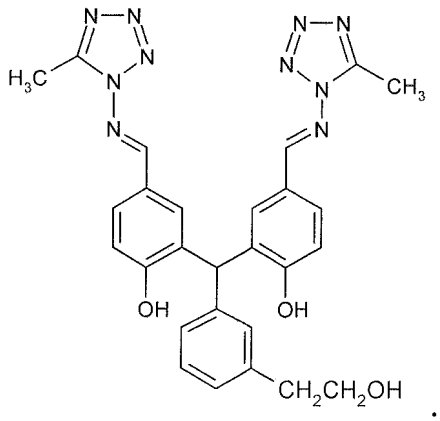
2,2'-[[3-[N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N-propyllamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-N-propylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol;

2,2'-[[3-[N-(6-Hydroxyhexyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol; and

2,2'-[[3-[N-(5-Hydroxypentyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 36 having the formula:



Claim 39 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 36 having the formula:

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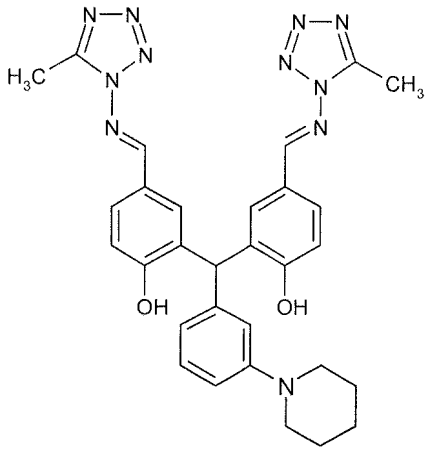

Claim 40 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 36 having the name 2,2'-[[3-[N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 36 having the name 2,2'-[[3-[N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N-methylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 36 having the name 2,2'-[[3-[N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N-ethylamino]phenyl]methylene]bis[4-[[(5-methyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)imino]methyl]]phenol.

Claim 43 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing pneumovirus infection, said composition comprising a compound according to claim 36 in an amount effective to attenuate infectivity of said virus, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, further comprising at least one supplemental active agent selected from the group consisting of

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interferon, ribavirin and an immunomodulator, an immunoglobulin, an anti-flammatory agent, an antibiotic, an anti-viral and an anti-infective.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium comprises ethanol.

Claim 46 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium comprises propylene glycol.

Claim 47 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium comprises water.

Claim 48 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises at least 50% ethanol.

Claim 49 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises at least 60% ethanol.

Claim 50 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises at least 70% ethanol.

Claim 51 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises at least 80% ethanol.

Claim 52 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises at least 90% ethanol.

Claim 53 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 52, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises less than 5% water.

Claim 54 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier medium comprises ethanol, water, and propylene glycol.

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Claim 55 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 54, wherein said pharmaceutically composition comprises about 85% ethanol, about 10% propylene glycol, and about 5% water.

Claim 56 (previously presented): A method of treatment of pneumovirus infection in a patient in need of said treatment, said method comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 36.

Claim 57 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 56, wherein said compound is administered through inhalation or intribation.

Claim 58 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 56, wherein said compound is administered by an electrohydrodynamic delivery device.

Claim 59 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 56, wherein said electrohydrodynamic delivery device is hand-held.

Claim 60 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 58, wherein said electrohydrodynamic delivery device is disposable.

Claim 61 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 58, wherein said electrohydrodynamic delivery device is for a single user.

Claim 62 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 58, wherein said electrohydrodynamic delivery device comprises a removable mouthpiece.

Claim 63 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 58, wherein said electrohydrodynamic delivery device comprises a mask.

Claim 64 (previously presented): A method of treating cells in culture that are susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pneumovirus, said method comprising administering to said cultures an effective amount of a compound according to claim 36.

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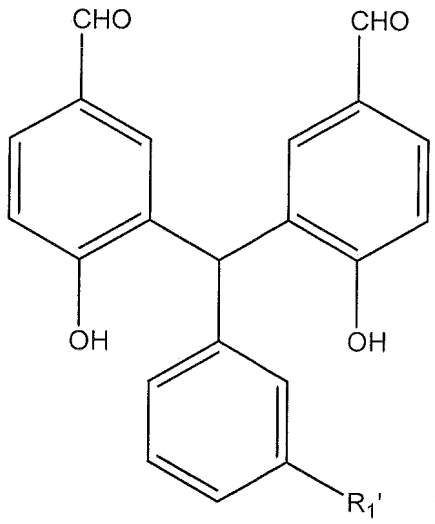
Claim 65 (previously presented): A method of treating biological materials that are susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pneumovirus, said method comprising administering to said materials an effective amount of a compound according to claim 36.

Claim 66 (previously presented): A compound having the formula:



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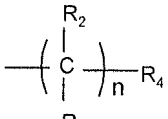
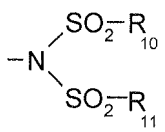
wherein:

R_1' represents a radical selected from the group consisting of



, $-NR_5R_6$, $-SO_2NR_7R_8$, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkoxy, polyhydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxy, polyfluoroalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, R_9, $-OR_9$,



; n being an integer from 1 to 4;

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R_2 and R_3 are each independently selected from the group consisting of straight or branched chain alkyl and hydrogen;

R_4 is a radical selected from the group consisting of a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl radical, an unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclic radical, and $-NR_{12}R_{13}$;

R_5 and R_7 are independently selected from the group consisting of alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, R_9, $-(C=O)R_{14}$ and $-(C=O)R_9$;

R_6, R_8, R_{12}, and R_{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, polyfluoroalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, R_9, $-(C=O)R_{15}$ and $-(C=O)R_9$;

or R_5 and R_6 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic radical, said heterocyclic radical optionally containing one to two additional heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

or R_7 and R_8 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic radical, said heterocyclic radical optionally containing one to two additional heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

said phenyl and heterocyclic radical substituents being at least one selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, hydroxy, carbonyl, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, halogen, and alkoxy;

R_9 is a radical of the formula $-W-O(C=O)-CH_3$, W being a straight- or branched- chain alkylene group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

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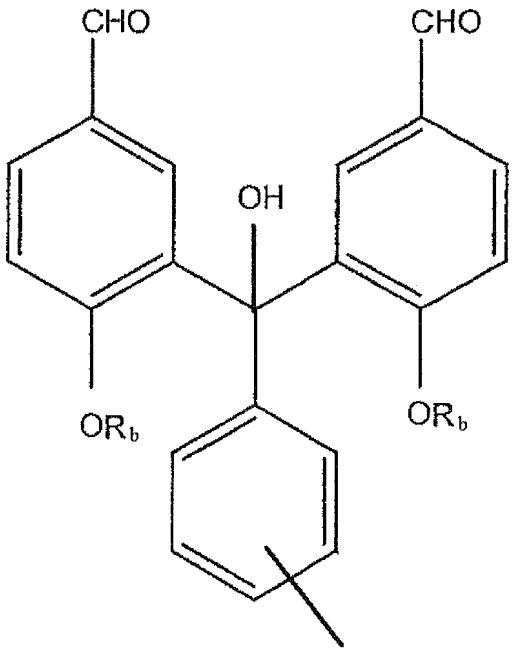
R_{10} and R_{11} are radicals independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, and polyfluoroalkyl;

R_{14} is a hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or cycloalkyl group;

R_{15} is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or cycloalkyl group, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compound.

Claim 67 (cancelled).

Claim 68 (currently amended): A compound having the formula:



[[R_1]] $\underline{R_1''}$

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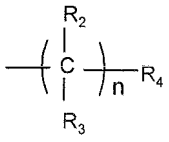
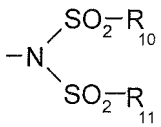
wherein R_b is selected from the group consisting of $-CH_2OCH_3$, $-CH_2OCH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)OCH_2CH_3$, $-CH_2-OCH_2CH_2-OCH_3$,  , $-CH_2-OCH_2CH_2-Si(CH_3)_3$, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2C_6H_5$, $-(CH_2)_2Si(CH_3)_3$, $-CON(R_cR_d)_2$, $-CSN(R_cR_d)_2$, and $-PO(NR_cR_d)_2$;

R_c and R_d are independently selected from an alkyl group;

R_1'' represents a radical selected from the group consisting of



, $-NR_5R_6$, $-SO_2NR_7R_8$, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkoxy, polyhydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxy, polyfluoroalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, R_9, $-OR_9$,



; n being an integer from 1 to 4;

R_2 and R_3 are each independently selected from the group consisting of straight or branched chain alkyl and hydrogen;

R_4 is a radical selected from the group consisting of a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl radical, an unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclic radical, and $-NR_{12}R_{13}$;

R_5 and R_7 are independently selected from the group consisting of alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, R_9, $-(C=O)R_{14}$ and $-(C=O)R_9$;

R_6, R_8, R_{12}, and R_{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, polyfluoroalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, R_9, $-(C=O)R_{15}$ and $-(C=O)R_9$;

or R_5 and R_6 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic radical, said heterocyclic radical optionally containing

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one to two additional heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

or R_7 and R_8 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic radical, said heterocyclic radical optionally containing one to two additional heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

said phenyl and heterocyclic radical substituents being at least one selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, hydroxy, carbonyl, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, halogen, and alkoxy;

R_9 is a radical of the formula –W-O(C=O)-CH_3, W being a straight- or branched- chain alkylene group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R_{10} and R_{11} are radicals independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, and polyfluoroalkyl;

R_{14} is a hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or cycloalkyl group; and

R_{15} is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or cycloalkyl group.

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